

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 14 2003

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on July 14, 2003 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

In absence of a quorum, President Jernigan called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 10:20 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Rodriguez

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan reported the following:

- She attended a brunch honoring Mrs. Begum Sehba Musharraf, the first lady of Pakistan, at the Jonathan Club in Malibu on June 28.
- An international delegation of women will meet with the Commission for Women on Friday, July 25, 2003.
- Kelly Hayes-Raitt will discuss her recent trips to Iraq and share her photographs in a talk entitled "Face-to-Face with the Women of Iraq" at the July 28, 2003 Commission for Women meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

On July 25, 2003, Muslim women from 13 countries in the Near East and Southeast Asia will meet with the Commission for Women at 10 a.m. in Room 830 as participants of a project entitled "Leadership Development for Muslim Women." The visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the State Department's International Visitor's Program.

(Commissioner Perkins joined the meeting, constituting the quorum)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004

On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the following slate of candidates was nominated for Commission Office for 2003-2004:

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer

There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission elected the above slate of candidates for Commission Office for 2003-2004.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously carried, the minutes of May 12, 2003 were approved.

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Creary abstaining, the minutes of June 9, 2003 were duly approved with the following changes:

On page 4, under Attendance:

Commissioner Perkins was inadvertently placed under the "unexcused" heading. The attendance record for June 9, 2003 will be changed to reflect that she was excused from the meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, with Vice President Mariajimenez and Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of June 23, 2003 were duly approved.

APPROVE TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (ACCW)

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, the Commission ratified the expenditure to renew membership to the Association of California Commissions for Women at a cost of \$20. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund for this expenditure.

APPROVE TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (NACW)

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission ratified the expenditure to renew membership to the National Association of Commissions for Women at a cost of \$50. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund for this expenditure.

APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF TWO DOMAIN NAMES, LACCW.INFO AND LACCW.COM, FOR THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN WEBSITE

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission ratified the purchase of the two domain names, laccw.info and laccw.com, for the Commission for Women website at a cost not to exceed \$100 for 5 years. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund at a later date.

APPROVAL TO RATIFY EXPENDITURE FOR REFRESHMENT COSTS FOR THE MAY 12, 2003 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA SOLIS AND INTERNATIONAL GUESTS AT A COST OF \$183.20

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission ratified the expenditure for refreshment costs for the May 12, 2003 Commission for Women meeting with Congresswoman Hilda Solis and International guests at a cost of \$183.20. The Commission will reimburse the President's fund at a later date.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO REIMBURSE ONE COMMISSIONER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 FOR THE COST TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS" WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 20, 2003 AT THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH IN INGLEWOOD

On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure to reimburse one Commissioner in the amount of \$20 for the cost to attend the workshop "Domestic Violence in Everybody's Business" which took place on June 20, 2003 at the Central Baptist Church in Inglewood.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT AND TWO COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN (ACCW) ANNUAL CONVENTION IN OAKLAND ON AUGUST 14-16, 2003 AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$700 PER ATTENDEE

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure, including the friendly amendment by Commissioner Rodriguez to authorize expenses for \$900 per attendee, for registration and travel expenses for the Commission President and two Commissioners to participate in the Association of California Commissions for Women Annual Convention in Oakland on August 14-16, 2003.

APPROVE A \$500 DONATION TO THE DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES TO HOMELESS WOMEN ON SKID ROW

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Cooperman, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a \$500 donation to the Downtown Women's Center, a non-profit organization that provides support services to homeless women on Skid Row.

APPROVE A PURCHASE OF ONE TABLE AT THE 17TH ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN TO BE HELD IN LONG BEACH ON OCTOBER 22, 2003 AT A COST OF \$1000

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of one table at the 17th Annual Governor's Conference for Women to be held in Long Beach on October 22, 2003 at a cost of \$1000.

Vice President Mariajimenez suggested that the Commission write a letter to the Office of Governor to request that the Commission be granted a more active role in the Conference.

APPROVE A PURCHASE OF AN EXHIBITOR TABLE AT THE 5TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR AND SENIOR FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 9, 2003 AT WHITTIER NARROWS PARK IN SOUTH EL MONTE AT A COST OF \$25

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved purchasing an exhibitor table at the 5th Annual Health Fair for Senior Festival on October 9, 2003 at Whittier Narrows Park in South El Monte at a cost of \$25. Commissioner Morgan offered to staff the exhibitor table.

ESTABLISH A RETREAT COMMITTEE, APPOINT A CHAIR, AND APPROVE A BUDGET OF \$1,100

On motion of Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved establishing a Retreat Committee, appointing a chair, and approving a budget of \$1,100 for a Retreat Committee. President Jernigan appointed Vice President Mariajimenez and Commissioner Creary as co-chairs of the Retreat Committee.

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a friendly amendment to change the name "Retreat Committee" to "Business-Working Meeting."

(Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan joined the meeting).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary reported that the Health Committee met today at 8:45 a.m. in Room 830. The Committee discussed the Dr. Keith Black/Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Stroke Awareness Program; the final version of the White Paper on the Nursing Shortage; and the memo to Supervisor Burke from President Jernigan regarding the proposal to organize and coordinate community health care outreach meetings with Office of Women's Health in the five supervisorial districts. ***She requested that an action to support Dr. Keith Black and the Stroke Awareness Program be put on the agenda for the next meeting to be held July 28, 2003***

Legislative Committee

Vice President Mariajimenez informed the Commission that Senator Gloria Romero's "Five for Life" bill, as well as Senator Sheila Kuehl's "Universal Health Care for All Californians" bill, were both awaiting reconsideration hearings by Senate Committees. She will continue to monitor these bills and keep the Commission informed.

Media/Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Morgan informed the Commission that the Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk for Girls-at-Risk press release has been sent out. She also shared a press release noting that the City of Los Angeles and the *Tolucan Times* honored Bob Hope by designating the month of May as "Bob Hope Month" in the City of Los Angeles.

5K Run/Walk Subcommittee

Commissioner Duba reported 5K Run/Walk Subcommittee has secured a \$30 thousand budget, and has promised Northrop that at least \$10 thousand will go directly to scholarships for Girls-at-Risk. She estimates that there will be 30-35 scholarships available. The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2003.

Commissioner Creary passed around ~~art work~~ **a copy of the art work to be** donated by artist Noni Higgins to be raffled at the Fifth Annual 5K Run/Walk for Girls-at-Risk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Perkins attended the Women's Appointment Collaboration Workshop at the Skirball Center in West Los Angeles. ***She recommended to the board of the Women's Appointment Collaboration that Commissioner Mariajimenez be appointed to the board as a person active in the community, not as a representative of the commission.***

She reminded the Commission of the 9-month, African-American Public Policy Institute, which will be accepting applications at the end of August, 2003 through October, 2003. Information about the Institute can be obtained by contacting Angela Reddick **Reddock** at the University of Southern California.

On Friday, July 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m., a choir from South Africa will perform at a fundraising reception and buffet dinner to help raise HIV awareness in South Africa at the home of Celestine Palmer in View Park. She will provide staff with information to pass along to Commissioners.

Commissioner Rodriguez informed Commissioners that the Chicana Service Action Center held ~~a meeting on services for children~~ ***an informational meeting about the Families to Families Program put on by the Los Angeles County Department of Children's Services.***

Vice President Mariajimenez attended a state budget crisis meeting in a school gymnasium where 1,000 attendees from around the county, including members of the City Council, such as Antonio Villaraigosa and Martin Ludlow, as well as Downtown Los Angeles school board member Jose Huizar.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Vice President
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Lila Morgan
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Janet Mummey, Esq.

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

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